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December 16, 2009

Ms. Shoshana Grove
Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20268-0002

Dear Ms. Grove:

This is a request for a technical correction to the Postal Regulatory Commission's (PRC) Docket No. N2009-1. On behalf of U.S. Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich, I have submitted 4 sets of documents for the record, which, as of this date, are not included in the electronic record. These documents were submitted by regular U.S. Postal Service (USPS) mail as instructed by Paul Harrington of your office per electronic mail of September 22, 2009, providing instruction that the documents should be sent to you at your address on New York Avenue as provided above. The documents I request be included in the electronic docket include the following:

1. September 21, 2009, letter from Congressman Kucinich to Postmaster General John Potter and Deputy Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe;
2. September 24, 2009, letter from Congressman Kucinich to Brook Park Mayor Mark Elliott with enclosed letter to Postmaster General Potter and Deputy Postmaster General Donahoe and copy of Resolution No. 19-2009 of the City of Brook Park, Ohio, opposing the closure of the Brook Park Branch of the USPS;
3. October 7, 2009, letter from Congressman Kucinich to Cleveland City Councilman Martin J. Keane with enclosed copy of Resolution No. 1450-09 of the City of Cleveland, Ohio, opposing the closure of 15 branches of the USPS in the City of Cleveland; and
4. October 29, 2009, letter from Martin D. Gelfand to Ms. Shoshana Grove and an enclosed letter from James A. Carney, Managing Partner of the Kamm's Plaza Shopping Center LLC in opposition to the closure of the Kamm's Corner USPS branch.

Please also include Congressman Kucinich's September 16, 2009, letter to Chairman Ruth Y. Goldway, hand delivered by me at the Independence, Ohio, field hearing of that date. If you have any questions about this please call me at 216-228-8850. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Martin D. Gelfand
Senior Counsel

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Hon. Ruth Y. Goldway
Chairwoman
Postal Regulatory Commission
907 New York Avenue, Northwest, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

Dear Chairwoman Goldway:

Thank you for holding field hearings about the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) plans to close post office branches in Ohio and elsewhere around the country. I appreciate the Postal Regulatory Commission's commitment to universal access to postal services and coming to Independence, in Ohio's 10th Congressional District to hear from the people who will be affected by any post office closings.

As you know, the USPS is considering 14 branch offices for closure in the Greater Cleveland Area, including 4 in Ohio's 10th District. I have serious concerns about the process that the USPS uses to decide which branches will be closed.

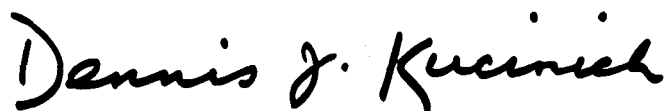
There is a history of a lack of communication between labor and management. Workers often see approaches to achieve more efficient operations in their work environment which management might miss. Failure to effectively communicate with workers could blind the USPS to possible efficiencies and other improvements that would result in helping to keep branches open. For example, the union leadership and USPS management recently had deep disagreements about the fate of the Airport Mail Facility (AMF), which was an excellent facility for handling mail. It was only after my intervention at a Congressional hearing that the USPS agreed to keep the retail portion of the AMF Cleveland open.

I am also concerned about the effects of post office closures on those who depend on USPS universal services the most. In particular, seniors and people of modest incomes are vulnerable because of their lack of access to transportation and the Internet. But when I raised concerns about the closures in a letter to Postmaster General John Potter, I received an August 20, 2009, reply stating that the Postal Service will not consider any demographic information about the customers that utilize the facilities under review. I have enclosed the letter for your reference. We cannot protect universal access to essential services if we do not know who the facility in question is serving.

As the Postal Service moves forward with any plans to close local post office retail facilities, it must ensure that each post office and its relevant community are afforded a thorough examination of the impact on the people in their service areas. In addition, I encourage the Postal Service to seek input from and work with local unions to ensure that universal access to the services provided to the local community remains intact.

Please do not hesitate to contact my staff or me if you have any questions or wish to continue the conversation.

Sincerely,

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Dennis J. Kucinich
Member of Congress

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September 21, 2009

Mr. John E. Potter
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, Southwest
Washington, D.C. 20260-3500

Mr. Patrick Donahoe
Deputy Postmaster General and Chief Operating Officer
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, Southwest
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Dear Mr. Potter and Mr. Donahoe:

Thank you for the August, 20, 2009, letter in which Government Relations Representative Mr. James K. Cari replied to my concerns regarding the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) nationwide review of stations and branches that report to large Post Offices. In my July 30, 2009, letter to Mr. Potter, I requested information on the decision-making process associated with the selection of branches for potential closure, including any specific demographic information on the communities that will be affected by the closure of their local retail facility. I received an unsatisfactory response explaining that the USPS does not collect such information and provided an inadequate explanation of the selection process. I am requesting additional information and I am particularly interested in the inclusion of the Airport Mail Facility (AMF) in Cleveland on the list of post offices under review.

I strongly oppose closing USPS offices, branches, and stations when their services are still in need by the communities they serve. These buildings represent the face of the U.S. government to the people who use them for their mailing needs, passports, and other government services which may be housed there. I realize the grave financial circumstances that USPS faces and that the USPS is looking for ways to cut costs. Ill considered USPS facility closures, however will not be tolerated. Constituents from vulnerable communities who may not have access to transportation or the Internet have raised concerns that they may not be able to easily access another USPS retail facility should the one in their neighborhood close. Instead, the USPS should be looking for other ways to support these neighborhood institutions. Passports, for example, though not a direct service of the USPS, are provided to the people through the Post Office. Perhaps other government services can be housed at Post Office branches to similarly successful outcome.

I strongly oppose the USPS targeting the AMF retail facility. In a hearing of the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia in July of last year, you (Mr. Donahoe) testified to update the Subcommittee on the Postal Network Plan. As you may recall, you promised that "the retail facility will remain" at the AMF in Cleveland. This is of utmost importance because the AMF retail facility is unique in the Cleveland area in keeping late hours so that the community can depend on getting their mail out in a timely manner.

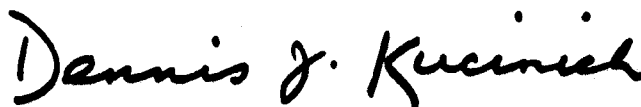
The AMF Cleveland must be immediately taken off the table as a target for closure in the USPS's strategy for balancing its books. Its position as the only place people can go for a late postmark or hand-stamp and its convenience as an after-hours facility make it irreplaceable in the Cleveland area. I seek your support in ensuring the veracity of your words at last year's hearing by reiterating your commitment that the AMF Cleveland will be kept open.

Please also provide me the USPS's detailed criteria for closing post office branches. In Government Relations Representative James K. Cari's August 20, 2009, letter to me, he outlined some criteria, including "customer access to our retail services, the effect that any change might have on service standards, cost savings, impact on employees and the environment, real-estate values, and long-term Postal Service needs." I ask that you cite the source in law, USPS regulations, or any other directive which refers to these and other criteria which any local review team might be using to determine which locations are being studied for closure.

The lack of consideration of demographic information is also particularly troubling. The USPS cannot deliver service to those who need it the most if it is blind to the people in the community they are serving. Please explain the reasons for the selection of the criteria as well as a list of other criteria that were considered but not used.

Because of the important place the Post Office holds in our community, I ask that you respond immediately. I look forward to coming to a clear understanding of the Post Office's rationale in targeting certain facilities in Cleveland-area neighborhoods for closure. Thank you for your attention to these matters of utmost urgency to the people of Ohio's 10th Congressional District, Northeast Ohio and the nation.

Sincerely,

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Dennis J. Kucinich
Member of Congress

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September 24, 2009

The Honorable Mark Elliott
Mayor of Brook Park
6161 Engle Road
Brook Park, Ohio 44142-2105

Dear Mayor Elliott:

Thank you for ensuring that I was forwarded a certified copy of City of Brook Park Resolution No. 19-2009 opposing the closure of the Brook Park Branch of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) and declaring an emergency.

I join with you, Members of Council, and the people of Brook Park in opposing the closing of the Brook Park Branch and all the other branches of the USPS in the Cleveland area when their services are still in need by the people in the communities they serve. I have considered each and every post office on the review list and after careful consideration, have come to the conclusion that they should not be closed. These branches represent the face of the U.S. government to the people of Brook Park and other communities and neighborhoods who use them for their mailing needs, passports, and other government services which may be housed there. I am on record with the both the USPS and the Postal Regulatory Commission as opposing these closings. The lack of consideration of demographic information and full community input in the decision making process is particularly troubling.

I am enclosing for your information my most recent correspondence with the Postmaster General regarding this matter. I am also taking the liberty of forwarding Brook Park's resolution to the U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission, which is studying the USPS actions toward closing post office branches in Ohio and around the country, for its review and for inclusion in its Docket N2009-1. I will continue to monitor this situation and keep you informed about anything more I learn regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Kucinich
Member of Congress

Enclosure

Cc: Postal Regulatory Commission Docket No. N2009-1
Postmaster General John Potter
Hon. Stephen F. Lynch, Chair, House Subc. on Fed. Workforce, Postal Service and D.C.
Hon. Jason Chaffetz, Ranking Member, House Subc. on Fed. Workforce, Postal Service and D.C.

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CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2009

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELLIOTT & COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION
OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OF THE
BROOK PARK BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Brook Park has many residents and businesses that greatly depend on the services of the Brook Park Branch of the United States Postal Service at 14770 Snow Road, Brook Park, OH 44142 ("Brook Park Branch"); and

WHEREAS, the Brook Park Branch is a vital part of our community in that it is conveniently located in the center of our retail district and serves our population well; and

WHEREAS, the Brookgate Retail District and Brookpark Road Corridor has significant amounts of vacant land that has many growth opportunities for future office, commercial and lodging-type uses, all of which will enhance the need for a local branch of the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Brook Park hereby oppose consolidation and/or closing of the branch located at 14770 Snow Road, Brook Park, Ohio; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1: This Council hereby opposes the closing of the Brook Park Branch of the United States Postal Service, 14770 Snow Road, Brook Park, Ohio 44142, and requests that the Brook Park Branch remain open.

SECTION 2: The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and instructed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the following: Senator George Voinovich, 524 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, Senator Sherrod Brown, 455 Russell

Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 Representative Dennis Kucinich, 14400 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107.

SECTION 4: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City, and for the further reason to oppose the closure of the Brook Park Branch of the United States Postal Service; therefore, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED:

September 15, 2009

ATTEST:

Roseann Armstrong
Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Y. P. [Signature]
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Man [Signature]
MAYOR

9/15/09
DATE

I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN
DOCUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM
AND CONTENTS

[Signature]
COUNCILOR OF LAW

CERTIFICATE

Roseann Armstrong, Clerk of Council, of The City of Brook Park, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance/Resolution No. 19-2009 passed on the 15th day of September 2009 by said council.

Roseann Armstrong
ROSEANN ARMSTRONG
Clerk of Council

I, Roseann Armstrong, Clerk of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that there is no newspaper of general circulation in the municipality and that publication of the foregoing ordinances/resolutions was made by posting true copies at six of the most public places in said municipality as determined by ordinance 4838-1975, passed on August 12, 1975, location City Hall, 6161 Engle Road Police Station, 17401 Holland Road, #1 Fire Station, 5590 Smith Road, #2 Fire Station, 22530 Ruple Road, #3 Fire Station, 17401 Holland Road, Brook Park Library, 6155 Engle Road, for a period of fifteen days.

commencing September 16, 2009

Roseann Armstrong
ROSEANN ARMSTRONG
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October 7, 2009

The Honorable Martin J. Keane
Member of Council
Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Avenue East, Room 220
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1015

Dear Councilman Keane:

Thank you for ensuring that I was forwarded a copy of City of Cleveland Resolution No. 1450-09 opposing the closure of 15 branches of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) in the City of Cleveland and declaring this matter "an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health, or safety."

I join with you, Mayor Jackson, your colleagues in Cleveland City Council, and the people of Cleveland in opposing the closing of the USPS branches in Cleveland and all the other branches of the USPS in the Cleveland area when their services are still in need by the people in the communities they serve. I have considered each and every post office on the review list and after careful consideration, have come to the conclusion that they should not be closed. These branches represent the face of the U.S. government to the people of Cleveland and other communities and neighborhoods who use them for their mailing needs, passports, and other government services which may be housed there. I am on record with the both the USPS and the Postal Regulatory Commission as opposing these closings. The lack of consideration of demographic information and full community input in the decision making process is particularly troubling.

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Sincerely,

Dennis J. Kucinich
Member of Congress

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Hon. Jason Chaffetz, Ranking Member, House Subc. on Fed. Workforce, Postal Service and D.C.
Hon. Frank Jackson, Mayor of Cleveland
Hon. Pat Britt, Clerk of Council, Cleveland City Council

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October 29, 2009

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Ms. Shoshana Grove
Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20268-0002

Re: Mr. James A. Carney
Managing Partner
Kamm's Plaza Shopping Center LLC
2001 Crocker Road, Suite 420
Westlake, Ohio 44145-6967

Dear Ms. Grove:

I am writing on behalf of the above referenced constituent. Mr. James A. Carney is having a problem with the U.S. Postal Service's proposal that the Cleveland Kamm's Post Office, which is housed in the Kamm's Plaza Shopping Center of which he is Managing Partner, is being considered for closure. On behalf of Mr. Carney and Congressman Kucinich, I ask that his letter be made part of the record of Docket No. N2009-1. Enclosed are copies of all pertinent documents.

Any assistance your office could provide would be greatly appreciated. If you need any additional information, please contact me at 216-228-8850.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Martin D. Gelfand
Senior Counsel

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October 22, 2009

Honorable George Voinovich
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Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Sherrod Brown
2280 Kresge Drive
Amherst, Ohio 44001

Dennis Kucinich
House of Representative
14400 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Dear Congressmen:

I am the Managing Partner of Kamms Plaza Shopping Center which houses the Kamms Station, located at 3762 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. I have been reading news reports that the Postal Service is considering closing more than 3,200 post offices nationwide in an effort to reduce costs.

Kamms Plaza Shopping Center has been providing a safe, clean, well-maintained facility at a fair rental to USPS for its employees and customers for 50 years or more. I am aware of the federal law that states "...no small post office may be discontinued for purely economic reasons". My concern is that the Postal Service, in its need to drastically cut costs, may not follow the "rules" and, instead, will consolidate or close post offices "willy nilly". Further it is my understanding that the Post Office at Kamms Plaza Shopping Center is profitable and thus if it is scheduled to close it would be very perplexing.

Kamms Plaza Shopping Center has a large community of seniors. They rely on the ease and convenience of visiting our Post Office. Closing Kamms Plaza Shopping Center's Post Office will cause an undue burden on our seniors at the worst possible time. Hurting our seniors and closing a profitable Post Office makes no sense. Our seniors have elected you to protect them when they cannot protect themselves. Your help is appreciated.

Sincerely



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